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FPJ

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NPA attacks solon who didn't pay 'tax'

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Mainstream Left invites everybody but Gloria, Noli, Ping

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NPA purge was wrong, Ka Roger now admits

By [illegible]

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Nothing stopping Erap

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No hard jail time for minors, DOJ orders

By Philip C. Tubeza

MINORS who commit crimes will no longer be detained with hardened criminals in the country's overcrowded jails, acting Justice Secretary Ma. Merceditas Gutierrez said.

Gutierrez said she is coming out with a directive for government prosecutors to make sure children are not jailed with hardened criminals. It will be issued at the end of the month.

She made the statement as she lobbied for Congress' approval of the Comprehensive Juvenile Justice bill which, among other things, would fund the building of centers where minor offenders could learn livelihood skills instead of languishing "in subhuman conditions" in jails.

"A circular to prosecutors will ensure that children will not be detained and, instead, be transferred to the care of the Department of Social Welfare and Development. We will do our best," Gutierrez said.

Gutierrez made the move after the Coalition to Stop Child Detention Through Restorative Justice urged her to come out with a directive requiring prosecutors "to divert children age 10 to 14 directly to the custody of their parents and legal guardians, and those age 15 and above to the care of the DSWD" during inquest proceedings.

The children's rights advocacy claimed that virtually all minor offenders are arrested without warrants.

The group said that the number of jailed minors is increasing, with 30 children detained every day according to Public Attorney's Office (PAO) records.

During 2002, PAO handled [illegible] cases involving minors who were charged with crimes, the group added.

Citing official records, the coalition also said that during the first quarter of 2003 alone, 4,544 minors—consisting of 4,103 boys and 441 girls—from all over the country were jailed.

The group added that Bureau of Jail Management and Penology records showed that 1,039 children were imprisoned as of September 2003—including 473 who were charged with theft and 384 others with robbery. At least 218 minors were jailed for drug cases.

"The findings of United Nations experts have already shown that subjecting children to the criminal justice system only exposes them to the virus of criminality as well as ingrains a deep sense of social antipathy and rebelliousness against authority," the coalition said.

"After suffering from prolonged detention occasioned by the snail-paced administration of justice, aggravated by child-insensitive judicial players and retributive laws, children prisoners who become hardened individuals because of this insidious child rights violation suffer from social stigma and ostracism," it said.

Maguindanao blast suspect nabbed

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Government employee

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Postscript to a film festival



Jo-Ann Q. Maglipon

'Filipinas'

'Captain Barbell'

'Mano Po 2'

'Fantastic Man'

Willie surpasses himself with FPJ impersonation



VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

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Greater boxer

Near misadventures

Underdog

Sustained barrage

High school dropout

Explosive

No-show

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Backtrack

The WORLD

Editor: Lorenzo B. Guevara

US declares Saddam prisoner of war

WASHINGTON—The United States has formally declared Saddam Hussein, held by US forces since his Dec. 13 capture, an enemy prisoner of war, the Pentagon said on Friday, and the International Committee of the Red Cross asked to see Iraq's former president as soon as possible.



Suspected SARS case linked to civet cats

FUNDING, TECHNICAL PROBLEMS

Manned Moon, Mars flights may not take off

Nokia phone explodes in man's pocket

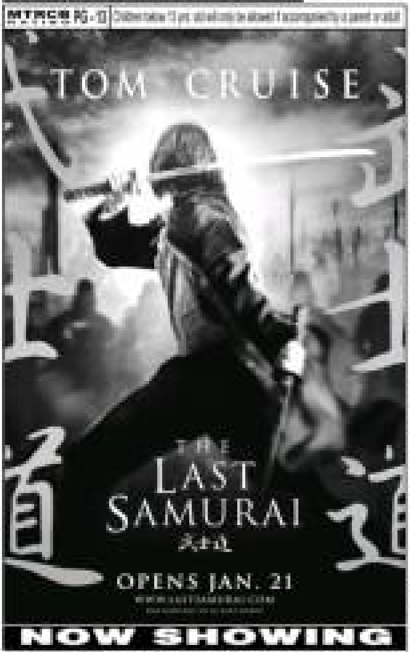


Trisha remembered in 'Family Day Out'

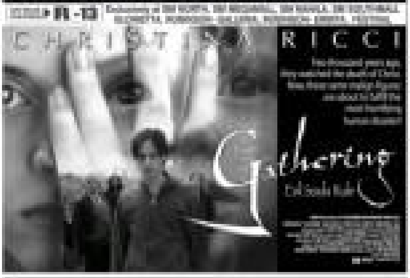
Willie surpasses . . .

'The Last Samurai'











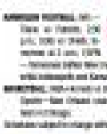




Sunday SPORTS



PBA AWARDS NIGHT



Gamboa challenges WBC jr flyweight champ today

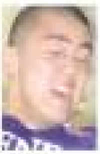


ARCE (left) and Gamboa face each other during the weigh-in.

Fash gets last semifinal slot

ROOKIE CAMP

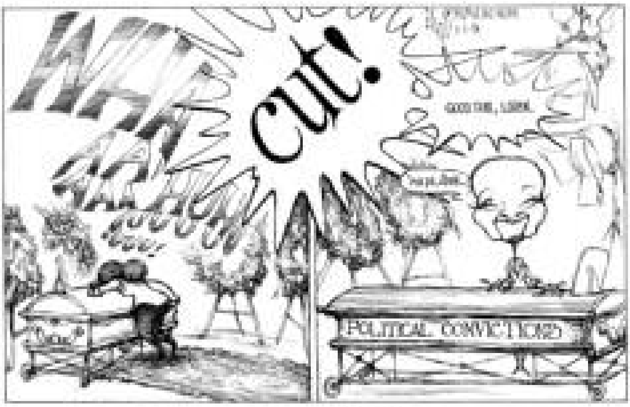
PBA hopefuls display wares



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INQUIRER OPINION



Loss of confidence

EDITORIAL

Warts and all

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

Fade away

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Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

It makes me wanna cry

REVEILLE



Ramon J. Farolan

LOTR as analogy and memory

AT LARGE



Rina Jimenez-David

The middle class and the poor

PUBLIC LIVES



Randy David

Weighing the Bush Doctrine's efficacy

NEWS ANALYSIS

Brian Murphy

TALK *of the* TOWN

Is TV producing our leaders?

Whoever wins as vice president, "ABS-CBN is the winner," Senate President Franklin Drilon said. Drilon was referring to Senators Noli de Castro and Loren Legarda, both of whom were newsreaders of Channel 2, the television network of the Lopez-owned broadcast giant ABS-CBN, before they became senators.

De Castro, known as Kabayan, is the running mate of President Macapagal-Arroyo of the K4 coalition while Legarda is the running mate of actor Fernando Poe Jr., standard bearer of the Koalisyon ng Nagkakaisang Pilipino.

Their news programs on national TV helped them top the senatorial elections—Legarda in 1998 and De Castro in 2001. Even before they filed their certificates of candidacy early this month, De Castro and Legarda were the leading possible vice presidential candidates in opinion polls.

Malacañang assiduously courted De Castro to be the running mate of Ms Macapagal in the hope that his popularity would get votes for her.

Government approval of the increases in the water rates of Maynilad, in the electricity rates of Meralco and in the toll rates on the North Expressway, which another Lopez firm is rehabilitating, weeks before De Castro became Ms Macapagal's running mate was seen as Malacañang's way of persuading the Lopezes to agree to a "GMA-Kabayan" tandem.

Drilon's sentiment is shared by others wary of a vice president from ABS-CBN, who is a heartbeat away from the presidency. What may be good for the media network and its sister companies may not necessarily be so for the people.

Afraid of ABS-CBN

Parties don't make presidents



Across the NATION

Bomb suspect comes out to deny role in attack

SIMULTANEOUS ATTACKS
NPA rebels go on a rampage



WHEEL OF LIFE

Gov't bank says Bulacan loan legal

Gordon says he'll pursue fight vs Subic port plan at Senate

Singson clan dominate politics, polls in Ilocos Sur

INQUIRER Mindanao



Bombings don't know any religion

Bias

Terrorism



'SAGAYAN'

Moros' war dance survives onslaught of foreign culture

Movements

Lanao context

Search for meanings

> The dull slaps of the sword against the wooden shield echo the stamping of heels in rapid succession on the floor.

> The charged moment is over in minutes. Melvin lands on the floor, hardly making a sound.

ASIAN QUALIFYING

China boxers out to stamp class

Bata-Alex showdown in pro tour



Pacers extend win streak to 7 games

Bill Shaw Memorial golf slated Jan. 30-31

Huge field joining ₱4-M Rotary tilt

In God's name

SPECTATOR

Al S. Mendoza

Billiards meet at Podium

Fash gets . . .

METRO

JAN. 30 EXECUTION

Woman pleads for son on death row



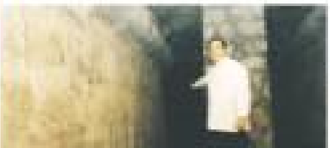


Dusted and ready, death chamber waits for convicts

From a dungeon to a place of honor







Police hunt down 2 cops for killing Atienza aide

Suspect in the shooting of police informer dies in Manila hospital



A HERO'S WAKE

Warehouse, residence razed in Manila fires

Robbery suspects dragged in chains

Young cops say PNP lacks good leaders



ANGELICA

Girl has rare liver disease

Erratum

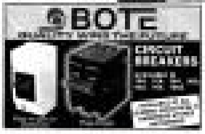
Additional excavations delay Makati roadwork





The Daily Gospel

Supreme Court Doctrines



Of stable monetary policies, keeping fit, bank mergers

By Margie Quimpo-Espino

BY 6:30 p.m., the lobby of the Metropolitan Museum was filled with bankers. As usual, many stayed until the food ran out. Catering was done by Via Mare at almost P650 per head.





NETWORKING's vice chair Placido Mapa with Unionbank's Vic Valdepeñas











UNIONBANK's Justo Ortiz

Sisters create own line amid flood of imported garments in the market

PINOY ENTREPRENEUR

Colognes, sanitizers





Bicol's movie house pioneer sees sure decline of industry

One competitor

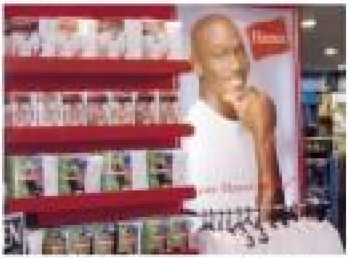
Key RP hotel destinations experience robust growth

Sisters create own line . . .

Business streak

Michael Jordan's briefs brand moves to tap four types of men

By Margie Quimpo-Espino







Bicol's movie house pioneer sees sure decline ...

Great Depression

Origin

Declining industry



Sunday LIFESTYLE

Editor: Chelo Banal-Formoso



PRETTY pastel and summer shades for [illegible] Collection. Mai [illegible] the [illegible] of the bag.

Segue to style

The top Italian house of bags starts a new chapter in fashion by opening stores in Manila



ANDREA Zini and Mai Cojuangco, Segue's first couple, snip the ribbon to open the Glorietta 2 store. Another branch is in SM Megamall.

SEGUE designer Mai Cojuangco, arguably one of the Philippine's loveliest, and her fiancé, Segue's Italian managing director Andrea Zini, spent the holidays here in Manila in time to open two new Segue stores at Glorietta 2 and SM Megamall Building A.

Segue comes from the same family which produces bags for world-famous brands Benetton and Sisley. In Manila, Segue carries the two brands along with its own line of bags.

Joining Mai and Andrea at the opening of the Megamall store was Talk 'N Text superstar and PBA MVP Asi Taulava, who came with his lovely wife Anna Mae. Also present was [illegible], one of today's most promising young artists. The artist created another masterpiece for the opening - [illegible].

The cutting-edge Segue stores were designed by top European designers, architects and consultants using only top-quality materials. The design sought to maximize the consumer's shopping experience.



[illegible]



[illegible] modeling the [illegible] Collection



JENNI Epperson leaves her mark on the canvas guestbook.



WHITES and chains for Valerie de los Santos with the Joley Collection.

Segue to style



CHEERS! Segue to a new beginning. Anna Mae and Ad Tuason, Mai Cojuangco and Andrea Zini with Gill Gaw's Virgin Romeo at the Segue branch on the ground floor of SM Megamall Bldg. A.

THE PERFECT match. Bayo Manangsol enjoys two bags in one with the Tandem collection.



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Following the store opening, there was an exclusive mode path by guests of Segue's Spring-Summer 2004 collection, which was modeled by the Professional Models Association of the Philippines led by Bonestreet models Kitty Ecasterio and Tim Yap.

Already an integral part of Italian fashion design in Europe, Segue is destined to become a fixture in local fashion.

The Segue stores now carry the 2004 Spring-Summer collection from Ferrarini and Zeboy, and soon, the 2004 Segue Spring-Summer collection.



A JOY TO CARRY: Tim Yap with the Flex Collection



THE SEGUE "guestbook" by Kiko Escora



BAGS all over: Nicolette with the Portland Collection and Bobbie Manangsol with the Flanagan Collection



ARTIST Kiko Escora signs his name on the blank canvas store guestbook.

71st anniversary of apparitions of Virgin of the Poor

PURELY PERSONAL



Counting our blessings

Putting Jesus at the Center

St. Nicholas of Bari

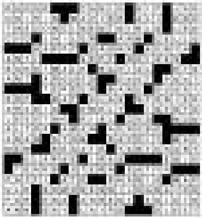


VIRGIN of the Poor, patroness of Banneux, Belgium

Sto. Niño 2004 exhibit

Lady of Piat's 400th year

ANSWER TO SUNDAY CROSSWORD



Sunday LIFESTYLE Weddings & Engagements

Here comes Guyito, all dressed in white!

Text by Cheche V. Moral
Photos by Chito Vecina

"ALL of them should be winners," announced one of the judges, thoroughly awed with the 15 finalists of the Guyito's Wedding March contest.

She had good reason to be impressed. The entries remarkably so exceeded expectations that a popular designer, one of the judges, complained the finalists could rival the designs of professional designers like him.

But, of course, as in every contest, only one would take home the P25,000 grand prize to be awarded today at the Glorietta Activity Center, and have his or her work displayed in the same venue alongside the designs of such formidable names as Inno Sotto, Eddie Baddeo, Rajo Laurel, Ben Farrales, Ivan Pineda, Frederick Peralta, Dita Sandico, Joji Garcia and Bobby Stevenson.

The contest, which called for aspiring designers to create wedding frocks for the Inquirer's mascot, Guyito, is the highlight of the bridal fair called Wedding March at Glorietta that ends today at the Glorietta Activity Center. The event is cosponsored by the Inquirer and DWT Media Manila.

Dream gown

Jared L. Gallos's Filipiniana design made of abaca was the unanimous choice for the grand prize—a masterfully executed Maria Clara design that included a long, beaded train and a Spanish pañuelo for the bride, and a gold pin barong for the groom, complete with salakot and antique sandigans. Inquirer chair Marixi R. Prieto, who was one of the judges, called it the "dream [wedding] gown."

A 25-year-old marketing graduate who works with Del Monte Phils., Gallos submitted two entries. Ironically, he said, the winning piece was easier to make than his other entry, which caused him sleepless nights and cuts on his fingers.

Gallos credited half of the work to his mother, who's a part-time dressmaker. He designed the gowns, his mother sewed them. But all other details, like the beadings, were done by the young designer.

Though Gallos's father is also a part-time tailor, the young man said everything he knew about design was through reading and research. He didn't take up fine arts or design in college because "it's expensive." Giving in to his creative leanings, he would regularly pore through wedding magazines to learn how the gowns are made. He proudly said some of his works had been published in this section's Milestones pages.

"Some neighbors and officemates would ask me to design gowns for them, and my mother and I would make them," he said. The young man takes pride in the craft of dressmaking because "it's what fed us and sent us to school."

Liberating the beast

Second-place winner Ira Dayle had an insightful concept for her own entry. Her bride and groom Guyito were on atop a kangga (Zambal term for wheel-less karitela) because she wanted to "liberate" the carabao as a beast of burden.

The 28-year-old History and Philippine Government instructor at Kolehiyo ng Subic said her work was greatly influenced by a creative writing workshop she attended prior to the contest. "I wanted to show rather than tell, so I had to ask myself, 'What is Guyito? What does it represent?'"

Married to an Aeta who creates handicraft as a hobby, Dayle asked her husband to create the kangga. She said all materials that went into the bridal frocks were scrap and recycled materials, some of which even came from her own wedding gown. The tape-like material that became the gown's bodice came from her sister's old fan, which she crocheted. The bride's veil "lipa" were seeds she found in her in-laws' home.

Dayle will be awarded the P15,000 cash prize.

No stranger to design competitions, third-place winner Bobby del Mundo said he puts close at-

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RURAL AFFAIR. Second prize-winning entry by Ira Dayle of Subic Bay, Zambales





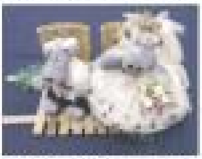


Here comes Guyito, all dressed in white!



An abaca Maria Clara wins the grand prize













Milestones









Sunday LIFESTYLE



The Haven for Street Children aims to give homeless kids a sense of normalcy in their turbulent lives

Sheltering the young and the helpless

[illegible]

Sheltering the young and the helpless



PLEDGES of support and donations from private citizens and government officials are posted on this wall.

Structured lifestyle





STREET children will find refuge in this nine-building rehabilitation complex.

Phase II of women's center